

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME



THE PRESIDENCY
GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NIGERIAN
NATIONAL MERIT AWARD

EVENT 1: FORUM OF LAUREATES OF THE NNOM
Date: 4th – 5thDecember, 2018
Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm
Venue: Merit House Complex, Maitama

THEME OF THE FORUM: THE IMPERATIVE OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY

EVENT 2: AWARD WINNERS' LECTURE
Date: 5th December, 2018
Time: 2:00p.m – 4:45pm
Venue: Merit House Complex, Maitama

EVENT 3: 2018 NNOM INVESTITURE
Date: 6th December, 2018
Time: 8:00a.m
Venue: Council Chambers, Presidential Villa, Abuja.

NNOM 2018 RECIEPIENT

- **PROF. OLUFEMI OBAFEMI**

EVENT 4: DINNER IN HONOUR OF NNOM LAUREATES
Date: 6th December, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Lagos/ Osun Hall, Transcorp Hilton Hotel,
Maitama, Abuja

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

11TH ANNUAL FORUM OF NNOM LAUREATES 5TH – 7TH DECEMBER, 2018

A. DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 4th December, 2018.

OPENING CEREMONY

Time: 8:00a.m. -11:50 a.m.

- **Special Guest of Honour:** H.E. Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- **Guest of Honour:** Sen.(Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki
Senate President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- **Keynote Speaker:** Professor Oladipo L. Adamolekun, NNOM, DPhil
- **Chief Host:** Boss Mustapha
Secretary to the Government of the
Federation.
- **Host:** Prof. Shekarau Yakubu Aku, FAEng, FNSE, FSES
Chairman, Governing Board, NNMA
- **Royal Father of the Day:** HRH, Alhaji Muhammadu Jega, Emir of Gwandu

Theme: The Imperatives of Unity in Diversity

- **Sub Themes:** i. Designing Policy Imperatives for Diversity Management;
ii. Fiscal Federalism and Diversity Management;
iii. Education and Culture as Mechanisms for Enhancing Harmonious Inter-Ethnic Relations;
iv. Strengthening Public Institutions for National Integration

TECHNICAL SESSIONS

Time: 12:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

B. DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2018.

- **TECHNICAL SESSIONS CONTINUES:-**
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **2018 AWARD WINNERS' LECTURE BY : Professor Tanure Ojaide, NNOM**
TOPIC: "The Creative Impulse on the Homeland, the Nation, and the Global: My Testimony".
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

C. DAY THREE: THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2018.

- **INVESTITURE: - By the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.**
Date: Thursday 6th December, 2018.
Time: 8:00a.m. Prompt.
Venue: Council Chambers, Presidential Villa, Abuja.
- **INTERACTIVE SESSION/LUNCHEON**
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Venue: Merit House Complex, Maitama, Abuja.
- **GROUP DINNER IN HONOUR OF NNOM LAUREATES AND 2018 AWARDEE.**

- **Special Guest of Honour:** Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, (SAN), GCON.
Vice- President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
Venue: Lagos/ Osun Hall, Floor 01, Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Maitama Abuja.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2018

DAY ONE- OPENING CEREMONY	
EVENTS	
08:00 a.m.	Registration of Participants
08:25 a.m.	Arrival of the Chairman and Members of the Governing Board of the NNMA
08:30 a.m.	Arrival of Invited Guests
08:40 a.m.	Arrival of the Royal Father of the Day,
08:50 a.m.	Arrival of the Diplomatic Community
09:00a.m.	Arrival of the Honourable Ministers
09.10 a.m.	Arrival of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation
09:15 a.m.	Arrival of the Chief Host: The Secretary to the Government of the Federation
09:20 a.m.	Arrival of the Chairmen, Senate Committee and House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs
09:25 a.m.	Arrival of the Senate President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.
09.30 a.m.	Arrival of the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
09:35 a.m.	National Anthem/Opening Prayers
09:40 a.m.	Welcome Address: Chairman, NNMA Governing Board, Prof. Shekarau Yakubu Aku, FAEng, FNSE, FSES
09:50 a.m.	Goodwill messages: Chairmen of House/Senate Committees on Federal Character and Intergovernmental Affairs, Ministers/Chief Executive Officers of MDAs. Head of Service of the Federation
10:10 a.m.	Remark by the Chief Host: Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha.
10.20 a.m.	Remarks: Guest of Honour: Senate President, Sen. (Dr.) Abubakar Bukola Saraki, CON
10: 30 a.m.	Keynote Address: Professor Oladipo L. Adamolekun, NNOM
11:15 a.m.	Opening Address: H.E Muhahmmadu Buhari, GCFR, President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
11:25 a.m.	Vote of Thanks: Prof. Laz Edward N. Ekwueme, NNOM, Member NNMA Governing Board.
11:30 a.m.	Closing Prayers/ National Anthem
11:35 a.m.	Group Photograph with Mr. President.
11:50 a.m.	Tea Break.

B. DAY ONE: TECHNICAL SESSIONS:-TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2018

THEME:	
1ST SESSION	
	SUB-THEME: Designing Policy Imperatives for Diversity Management. Chairman: Professor Sheikh A. Abdullah, OON, FNIM
12:10p.m.	Paper 1: The Majoritarian Policies and Regional Minorities under Democratic Constitutions. Presenter: Prof. Benedicta Ada Susu, Lagos State University, Ojo
12:40p.m.	Paper 2: The Federal Character Clauses of Nigeria Constitution and National Unity: Problems or Solutions Presenter: Hon. Abayomi Sheba, Executive Chairman, FCC
1:10.p.m.	Discussants: i. Prof. Muhammad Katcha, Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja ii. Prof. Olayemi Durotimi Akinwumi, Dept of History, Nasarawa State University. iii. Dr. Muhammad Kabiru Isa, Dept. of Local Govt. & Dev. A.B.U, Zaria.
1.40 p.m.	Lunch:

2ND SESSION	
	SUB THEME: Fiscal Federalism and Diversity Management. Chairman: Professor Etim Moses Essien, NNOM
2:30 p.m.	Paper 2: Fiscal Federalism: Issues, Problems and Challenges Presenter: Prof. Mike Kwanashe, former Vice Chancellor, Veritas University, Abuja.
3:00p.m.	Paper 3: Challenges of Revenue Allocation in Nigeria Presenter: ShettimaUmar Abba Gana, DF.ioD,FICA , Ag. Chairman, RMA&FC
3:30p.m	Discussants: i. Prof. Muhammad Akoro Mainoma, Vice Chancellor, Nasarawa State University. ii. . Dr. (Mrs.) Na'omi Baba Gbefwi, Trustee, Association of Health Training Institutes.

DAY TWO: TECHNICAL SESSIONS:- WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 2018

1STSESSION	
	SUB THEME: Education and Culture as Mechanism for Enhancing Inter-Ethnic Relations Chairman: Professor Grace Alele Williams
9:00 a.m.	Paper 4: Education and Culture as Agents of National Integration Presenter: Prof. (Mrs) Justina U. Mgbada, Provost, Fed. College of Agriculture, Ishiagu, Ebonyi State.
9:30 a.m.	Paper 5: The Role of Unity Schools in Forging National Unity: Lessons, Opportunities & Challenges Presenter: Arch. Sunday S. Echono, Perm. Sec. Federal Ministry of Education
10:00 a.m.	Discussants: i. Prof. Benedict Umar Dept. Of Education, University of Abuja ii. Dr. Abubakar Saddiq, Chairman, National Examination Council
10:30 a.m.	Tea Break:

2ND SESSION	
	SUB THEME: Strengthening Public Institutions for National Integration Chairman: Mr. William Abo, Perm. Sec, SDO, OSGF
11:00a.m.	Paper 6: Public Institutions and National Integration in Nigeria: A Case Study of the National Youth Service Corps(NYSC) Presenter: Prof. Aloysius-Michaels Okolie, Dept. Of Political Science, University of Nigeria, Nsukka
11:30 a.m.	Paper 7: Elections, Diversity Management and National Unity Presenter: Prof. Okechukwu Ibeanu, National Electoral Commissioner INEC
12:noon	Discussants: i. Prof. Umar Mohammed Ka'oje, Dept. Of Political Science, ABU, Zaria ii. .Dr. Anthony Itumo Dept. Of Political Science, Ebonyi State University
12:30p.m	Lunch

AWARD WINNERS' LECTURE

DATE 5TH DECEMBER, 2018

TIME: 2:00P.M

VENUE: MAIN AUDITORIUM, MERIT HOUSE COMPLEX

Topic: " The Creative Impulse on the Homeland, the Nation, and the Global: My Testimony"

Presenter: Professor Tanure Ojaide, NNOM

- Royal Father of the Day: His Royal highness Alhaji Muhammadu Jega, Emir of Gwandu

	EVENT
2:00p.m.	All Guests seated
2:05 p.m.	Arrival of the Royal Father of the Day
2:10 p.m.	Arrival of the Chief Host: Secretary to the Government of the Federation
2:15 p.m.	National Anthem/Opening Prayers
2:20 p.m.	Introduction of the Chairman of the Occasion and other invited guests by the M.C.
2:25 p.m.	Address: Chairman, NNMA Governing Board, Prof. Shekarau Yakubu Aku, FAEng
2:30 p.m.	Address: Chief Host: Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Boss Mustapha.
2:35pm	Citation on the Award Winners' Lecturer by Prof. Desiree Ameze Guobadia
2:40 p.m.	Award Winners' Lecture by Professor Tanure Ojaide, NNOM
3:40 p.m.	Questions and Answers /Refreshment
3:55 p.m.	Vote of Thanks (A member of the Board)
4:00 p.m.	Closing Prayers/National Anthem

DAY THREE THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 2018

INVESTITURE

DATE: Thursday 6thDecember, 2018

TIME: 8:00a.m prompt

VENUE: Council Chambers, Presidential Villa, Abuja.

- (i) **Presentation of the 11th Forum Communiqué to The President**
- (ii) **Conferment of the 2018 NNOM Award to Recipient by The President.**

TIME	EVENT
09:00 a.m.	All Guests to be seated
10:00 a.m.	Arrival of the President H.E Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR
10:03 a.m.	National Anthem/Opening Prayers
10:05 a.m.	Introductory Remark by the SGF
10:10 a.m.	Address and Presentation of the Communiqué by the Chairman, NNMA Governing Board, Prof. Shekarau Yakubu Aku, FAEng
10.20 a.m.	Presentation of the Awardee to Mr. President for Conferment
(i)	Citation on Professor Olufemi Obafemi By Professor Babafemi A. Osofisan, NNOM Conferment of the NNOM on Professor Olufemi Obafemi By the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR
11:00 a.m.	Vote of Thanks by the Recipient
11:25 a.m.	Closing Prayers/National Anthem
11:30 a.m.	Group Photograph with Mr. President, Vice President, SGF, Hon. Ministers, Awardees, Chairman & members of the Governing Board, NNOM

INTERACTIVE SESSION BETWEEN THE PAST/PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NNMA AND THE LAUREATES

Luncheon and interactive session of the NNOM Laureates; Presidents of the Academies; Past/Present Members of the Governing Board of the NNMA and Assessors.

Venue: Banquet Hall of the NNMA, Merit House, Abuja.

Date: 6th December, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

GROUP DINNER IN HONOUR OF NNOM LAUREATES

Special Guest of Honour: H.E. Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON, Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Venue: Lagos/Osun Hall, Floor 01, Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Maitama, Abuja.

Date: 6th December, 2018.

Time: 7.00 p.m.

	EVENT
6.00 p.m.	Arrival of invited Guests
6:00p.m.	Musical Interlude by Police Band
6.20p.m.	Arrival of Members of the Governing Board of the NNMA
6.30p.m.	Arrival of Chairman, Governing Board of the NNMA
6.40p.m.	Arrival of Royal Guests
6:45p.m.	Arrival of Honorable Ministers
6.50p.m.	Arrival of the Chief Host, The Secretary to the Government of the Federation
6.55p.m.	Arrival of Members of the National Assembly
7:00p.m.	Arrival of Special Guest of Honour
7:05p.m.	National Anthem
7:10p.m.	Opening Prayers
7:10p.m.	Welcome Address by the Chairman, Governing Board of the NNMA Prof. Shekarau Yakubu Aku, FAEng
7:20p.m.	Dinner/ Cultural Display
7.50p.m.	Brief Remarks by the Secretary to the Government of the Federation: Boss Mustapha
8:00p.m.	Cultural Display
8.10p.m.	Brief Remark by the Chairman, Senate Committee on Federal Character and Intergovernmental Affairs
8:20p.m.	Remark by the Special Guest of Honour: H.E. Prof. Yemi Osinbajo, SAN, GCON, Vice-President, Federal Republic of Nigeria
8:30p.m.	Vote of Thanks by Prof. Shiekh A. Abdullah, OON, FNIM
8:40p.m.	Closing Prayers/ National Anthem
8.45p.m.	Departure of the Vice President Federal Republic of Nigeria and other dignitaries in reverse order

MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Prof. Sheikh A. Abdullah, OON, FNIM -Chairman
2. Prof. Liasu Adele Jinadu -Member
3. Prof. Mohammad Hassan - Member
4. Prof. Andy J. Joseph - Member
5. Mr. Williams Alo (Rep. of SGF) - Member
6. Mr. Namadi Ibrahim -Secretary to the Committee

RAPPORTEURS/COMMUNIQUE COMMITTEE:

1. Professor Mohammed Hassan - Chairman
2. Professor Oye Gureje, NNOM - Member
3. Professor Alex Gboyega - Member
4. Professor Valentine A. Aletor - Member
5. Professor Union Edeberi - Member
6. Professor L. Adele Jinadu -Member/Secretary